

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 42 as indicated below.

1. to 41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) A light scanning apparatus comprising:

a first lens barrel portion, which holds a first laser element emitting a first laser beam;

a second lens barrel portion, ~~of which~~ holds a second laser element emitting a second laser beam,

wherein an optical axis is slanted with respect to of the first laser beam and an optical axis of said first lens barrel portion, the second laser beam are oriented in directions intersecting with each other so that a beam-to-beam distance between the first laser beam and the second laser beam gets shorter, and

wherein a part of a side wall of said second lens barrel portion being is shared with a part of a side wall of said first lens barrel portion, ~~and said second lens barrel portion holding a second laser element;~~

a first lens provided at a tip of said first lens barrel portion;

a second lens provided at a tip of said second lens barrel portion;

plural lens supporting portions, which support parts of circumferential surfaces of said first and second lenses, except at a position in which the circumferential surfaces of said first and second lenses are close to each other; and

a rotary polygonal mirror positioned for common scanning of first and second laser beams respectively emitted from said first and second laser elements.

43. (Previously Presented) A light scanning apparatus according to Claim 42, wherein said first and second lenses are bonded to said lens supporting portions.

44. (Previously Presented) A light scanning apparatus according to Claim 42, wherein said first and second laser elements are fixed to a common electric substrate.

45. (Previously Presented) A light scanning apparatus according to Claim 42, wherein laser beams emitted from said first and second laser elements have an inclination relationship with each other so as to come close to each other.

46. (Previously Presented) A light scanning apparatus according to Claim 42, further comprising an optical case which houses said first and second lens barrel portions and said rotary polygonal mirror.